

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing Of Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for providing a simultaneous ring service for a subscriber, comprising:

~~a switch in a means~~ communication with a wired terminal having a first identifier and associated with the subscriber for detecting a first terminating trigger specific to the service in response to an incoming communication to ~~the~~ a wired terminal having a first identifier and associated with the subscriber from a calling party, wherein the first terminating trigger is associated with the first identifier;

~~a service control point in communication with the switch~~ a means for:

determining, in response to detection of the first terminating trigger ~~by the switch~~, whether the wired terminal and an associated wireless terminal of the subscriber are available, wherein determining whether the wired terminal and the wireless terminal of the subscriber are available comprises,

determining whether the wired terminal is available,

determining whether the wireless terminal is available, and

determining whether the wireless terminal has a voice messaging

system in response to determining that the wireless terminal is available,

and

determining if a calling party number matches a stored subscriber wireless number ~~stored at the service control point~~, wherein if the calling party number matches the subscriber wireless number the wireless terminal is deemed unavailable and if the calling party number does not match the wireless number the wireless terminal is deemed available[;], and

determining if the subscriber currently has the simultaneous ring service activated, wherein if the service is not currently activated, the wireless terminal is deemed unavailable and if the service is currently activated, the wireless terminal is deemed available; and

~~a services node in communication with the switch for receiving the incoming communication from the switch when the service control point determines that both the wired terminal and the wireless terminal are available, and, in response thereto, a~~ means for placing first and second outgoing communications and associating a wireless call indication digit with the first outgoing communication in response to the determination that both the wired terminal and the wireless terminal are available,

wherein the ~~switch~~ means for detecting the first terminating trigger associated with the service is further operative for routing the second outgoing communication to the wired terminal and for detecting a second terminating trigger associated with the wireless terminal in response to the first outgoing communication,

wherein the ~~service control point~~ means for determining whether the wired terminal and the associated wireless terminal of the subscriber are available, in response to detection of the second terminating trigger by the switch and the wireless

call indication digit associated with the first outgoing communication, is further operative for interrogating a database for a second identifier associated with the wireless terminal and ~~instructing the switch to~~ causing route the first outgoing communication to be routed to the wireless terminal, wherein ~~the services node is further configured for placing~~ the second outgoing communication is configured to be placed a predetermined time period after placing the first outgoing communication, and

wherein, if the wireless terminal is determined to have the voice messaging system, the second outgoing communication ~~is placed~~ is configured to be placed before the first outgoing communication is answered by the voice messaging system.

2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the ~~services node~~ means for placing first and second outgoing communications is further operative for:

connecting the incoming communication to the wired terminal when the wired terminal is answered before the wireless terminal; and

connecting the incoming communication to the wireless terminal when the wireless terminal is answered before the wired terminal.

3. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 2, wherein the ~~services node~~ means for placing first and second outgoing communications is further operative for:

dropping the first outgoing communication when the wired terminal is answered before the wireless terminal; and

dropping the second outgoing communication when the wireless terminal is answered before the wired terminal.

4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 3, wherein the ~~service control point~~ means for determining whether the wired terminal and the associated wireless terminal of the subscriber are available includes an associated database storing the second identifier associated with the wireless terminal, and wherein the ~~services node~~ means for placing first and second outgoing communications is not operative for storing the second identifier associated with the wireless terminal.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the ~~service control point~~ means for determining whether the wired terminal and the associated wireless terminal of the subscriber are available is for determining whether the wired terminal is available by sending a query message to the ~~switch~~ means for detecting the first terminating trigger associated with the service requesting a status of the wired terminal.

7. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 6, wherein the ~~service control point~~ means for determining whether the wired terminal and the associated wireless terminal of the subscriber are available is further operative for determining whether the wireless terminal is available by sending a query message to a home location register requesting the status of the wireless terminal.

8. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, wherein the ~~service control point~~ means for determining whether the wired terminal and the associated wireless terminal of the subscriber are available is further operative for determining that the wireless terminal is available when the home location register does not respond to the query message within a predetermined time period.

9. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the ~~service control point~~ means for determining whether the wired terminal and the associated wireless terminal of the subscriber are available is further operative for instructing the ~~switch~~ means for detecting the first terminating trigger associated with the service to route the incoming communication to the wired terminal when the ~~service control point~~ means for determining whether the wired terminal and the associated wireless terminal of the subscriber are available determines that at least one of the wired terminal and the wireless terminal are not available.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a simultaneous ring service for a subscriber, comprising:

detecting an incoming communication from a calling party to a wired terminal associated with a first identifier that is associated with the subscriber from a first terminating trigger associated with the first identifier;

determining, in response to detection of the incoming communication, whether the wired terminal and an associated wireless terminal of the subscriber are available,

wherein determining whether the wired terminal and the wireless terminal of the subscriber are available comprises,

determining whether the wired terminal is available,

determining whether the wireless terminal is available, and

determining whether the wireless terminal has a voice messaging system in response to determining that the wireless terminal is available;

determining if a calling party number matches a subscriber wireless number, wherein a directory number for the wireless terminal is stored at a service control point;

determining if the subscriber currently has the simultaneous ring service activated;

placing first and second outgoing communications when both the wired terminal and the wireless terminal are available,

wherein placing the first and second outgoing communications includes placing the first outgoing communication a predetermined time period before placing the second outgoing communication and associating a wireless call indication digit with the first outgoing communication, and

wherein, if the wireless terminal is determined to have the voice messaging system, the predetermined time period is configured for placing the second outgoing communication ~~is placed~~ before the first outgoing communication is answered by the voice messaging system;

routing the second outgoing communication to the wired terminal;

detecting a second terminating trigger and the wireless call indication digit associated with the wireless terminal in response to the first outgoing communication; and

routing, in response to detection of the second terminating trigger, the first communication to the wireless terminal.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, further comprising: connecting the incoming communication to the wired terminal when the wired terminal is answered before the wireless terminal; and

connecting the incoming communication to the wireless terminal when the wireless terminal is answered before the landline telecommunications unit.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising: dropping the first outgoing communication when the wired terminal is answered before the wireless terminal; and

dropping the second outgoing communication when the wireless terminal is answered before the wired terminal.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein determining whether the wired terminal is available includes sending a query message requesting a status of the wired terminal.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein determining whether the wireless terminal is available includes sending a query message to a home location register requesting a status of the wireless terminal.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15, wherein determining whether the wireless terminal is available includes determining that the wireless terminal is available when the home location register does not respond to the query message within a predetermined time period.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, further comprising routing the incoming communication to the wired terminal when it is determined that at least one of the wired terminal and the wireless terminal are not available.

18. (Currently Amended) A system for providing a simultaneous ring service for a subscriber, comprising:

means for detecting an incoming communication from a calling party using a calling party terminal to a wired terminal associated with a first identifier that is associated with the subscriber from a first terminating trigger associated with the first identifier;

a means for determining if the subscriber currently has the simultaneous ring service activated;

~~programmable determination~~ means for determining, in response to detection of the incoming communication, whether the wired terminal and an associated wireless terminal of the subscriber are available, wherein programmable determination means for determining whether the wired terminal and the wireless terminal of the subscriber are available comprises,

~~programmable determination~~ means for determining whether the wired terminal is available,

~~programmable determination~~ means for determining whether the wireless terminal is available, and

~~programmable determination~~ means for determining whether the wireless terminal has a voice messaging system in response to determining that the wireless terminal is available;

~~programmable determination~~ means for determining, in response to detection of the incoming communication, whether an identifier associated with the calling party is identical to an identifier of the wireless terminal of the subscriber, the wireless terminal being associated with the wired terminal configured to receive the incoming communication from the calling party wherein the wireless terminal and the calling party terminal are the same terminal when the identifier associated with the calling party is identical to the identifier of the wireless terminal, wherein the identifier of the wireless terminal of the subscriber is stored in a service control point, wherein when the identifier associated with the calling party does not match the identifier of the wireless terminal the wireless terminal is deemed available;

~~programmable service~~ means for placing first and second outgoing communications and associating a wireless call indication digit with the first outgoing communication when both the wired terminal and the wireless terminal are available and when the calling party identifier is not identical to the wireless terminal identifier, wherein, if the wireless terminal is determined to have the voice messaging system, a predetermined time period is configured for placing the second outgoing communication ~~is placed~~ before the first outgoing communication is answered by the voice messaging system;

~~switching~~ means for routing the second outgoing communication to the wired terminal;

means for detecting a second terminating trigger and the wireless call indication digit associated with the wireless terminal in response to the first outgoing communication; and

~~switching the~~ means for routing, in response to detection of the second terminating trigger and the wireless call indication digit, further operative for routing the first communication to the wireless terminal.

19. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 18, wherein the ~~programmable service~~ means for placing first and second outgoing communications further ~~include~~ includes:

~~programmable switching~~ means for connecting the incoming communication to the wired terminal when the wired terminal is answered before the wireless terminal; and

~~programmable switching~~ means for connecting the incoming communication to the wireless terminal when the wireless terminal is answered before the wired terminal.

20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 19, wherein the ~~programmable service~~ means for placing first and second outgoing communications further ~~include~~ includes:

~~programmable~~ means for dropping the first outgoing communication when the wired terminal is answered before the wireless terminal; and

~~programmable~~ means for dropping the second outgoing communication when the wireless terminal is answered before the wired terminal.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 18, wherein the ~~programmable~~ means for determining whether the wired terminal is available further includes ~~programmable~~ means for sending a query message requesting a status of the wired terminal.

23. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 22, wherein the ~~programmable~~ means for determining whether the wireless terminal is available further includes ~~programmable~~ means for sending a query message to a home location register requesting a status of the wireless terminal.

24. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 23, wherein the ~~programmable~~ means for determining whether the wireless terminal is available further includes ~~programmable~~ means for determining that the wireless terminal is available when the home location register does not respond to the query message within a predetermined time period.

25. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 18, further comprising ~~switching~~ means for routing the incoming communication to the wired terminal when it is determined that at least one of the wired terminal and the wireless terminal are not available.

26. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions for causing a computer to perform a method of providing a simultaneous ring service for a subscriber, the method comprising:

detecting an incoming communication from a calling party to a wired terminal associated with a first identifier that is associated with the subscriber from a first terminating trigger associated with the first identifier;

determining, in response to detection of the incoming communication, whether the wired terminal and an associated wireless terminal of the subscriber are available, wherein determining whether the wired terminal and the wireless terminal of the subscriber are available comprises,

determining whether the wired terminal is available,

determining whether the wireless terminal is available, and

determining whether the wireless terminal has a voice messaging system in response to determining that the wireless terminal is available;

determining if a calling party number matches a subscriber wireless number, wherein a directory number for the wireless terminal is stored at a service control point;

determining if the subscriber currently has the simultaneous ring service activated, wherein if the service is not currently activated, the wireless terminal is deemed unavailable and if the service is currently activated, the wireless terminal is deemed available; and

placing first and second outgoing communications when both the wired terminal and the wireless terminal are available,

wherein placing the first and second outgoing communications includes placing the first outgoing communication a predetermined time period before placing the second outgoing communication and associating a wireless call indication digit with the first outgoing communication,

wherein the predetermined time period is configured to cause the wired terminal and the wireless terminal to begin ringing within 3 seconds of each other, and

wherein, if the wireless terminal is determined to have the voice messaging system, the predetermined time period is configured for placing the second outgoing communication ~~is placed~~ before the first outgoing communication is answered by the voice messaging system;

routing the second outgoing communication to the wired terminal;

detecting a second terminating trigger and the wireless call indication digit associated with the wireless terminal in response to the first outgoing communication; and

routing, in response to detection of the second terminating trigger and the wireless call indication digit, the first communication to the wireless terminal.

27. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 26, the method further comprising:

connecting the incoming communication to the wired terminal when the wired terminal is answered before the wireless terminal; and

connecting the incoming communication to the wireless terminal when the wireless terminal is answered before the wired terminal.

28. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 27, the method further comprising:

dropping the first outgoing communication when the wired terminal is answered before the wireless terminal; and

dropping the second outgoing communication when the wireless terminal is answered before the wired terminal.

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 26, wherein the first identifier comprises at least a first telephone number and wherein the second identifier comprises at least a second telephone number that is different from the at least a first telephone number.

31. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the first identifier comprises at least a first telephone number and wherein the second identifier comprises at least a second telephone number that is different from the at least a first telephone number.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein the first identifier comprises at least a first telephone number and wherein the second identifier comprises at least a second telephone number that is different from the at least a first telephone number.

33. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, wherein the first identifier comprises at least a first telephone number and wherein the second identifier comprises at least a second telephone number that is different from the at least a first telephone number.